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Student Government President to Re-Evaluate Aramark

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In light of the impending expiration of the College's contract with Aramark and complaints made by students, Student Government President Jeremy Levinson '18 will evaluate student satisfaction with Aramark and explore other food vendors.

"If you want better food, you're obviously going to have to pay more for it," Levinson said. "That will be a huge part of the conversation. If the conversation is focused around food quality, the question we should look at is if there is a provider similar to Aramark in the same price range that provides better food. With that said, if the results [of the survey] come back and the students are satisfied with the food on campus, that is a completely different story."

Levinson sent out a student feedback survey in a March 26 email designed to gain "an insight into the student body's opinion of the nutritional value, freshness, and prices of Aramark's offerings," the email read.

Levinson said the College's Institutional Research Associate Shane Boyd will examine the survey data and discuss the results with him in the coming weeks.

In addition to student feedback, Levinson plans to visit small liberal art schools in the area and evaluate their food vendors. "We're taking a



group of student senators and doing a comparison of their food providers, identifying what the major differences are, while at the same time looking at the price of the board plans."

In May, after reviewing the survey results and visiting neighboring schools, Levinson will have a report for the College. "My hope is with the culmination of these two things, I could write up a report based upon general feedback of Aramark from these two methodologies and report to the College Council, [Vice President for Finance and Planning] Lori Sundberg, or the Board of Trustees," said Levinson.

The College's contract with Aramark will expire in the next two years. "The year after next would be the earliest, if any decision would be made on this," Levinson said. "None of this stuff can happen overnight. If

we were to make a change and that's what the student body wanted, then now would be the time to have that conversation."

After hearing complaints from friends, Levinson said he decided it was necessary to evaluate student satisfaction and potential options. "One of the most important jobs of the president of student government is to report to the board based upon the affairs of the student body," Levinson said. "The whole reason I wanted to embark on this endeavor is because I do hear a lot of negative criticism about the price of the food in the caf. I wanted to clarify whether that was just my group of friends or whether that was a campus-wide phenomenon."

Other students have had mixed reactions to cafeteria food quality. "The

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food quality isn't horrible. I've visited colleges where [it's] much worse," Michaela Kopystynsky '17 said. "In terms of variety, we're good, but our salad bar needs healthier options."

Levinson said healthier options are often available, but not always prominently placed. "When you walk into the caf, the first thing on your right is the hot food line," Levinson said. "I don't know if that's the wisest thing for college freshmen or students trying to (set) a precedent for the rest of their lives. Should the food being provided to us only consist of healthier options or have those options be readily available?"

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Aramark

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Mary Tsakadze '18 said she is generally pleased with the food options. "I personally don't mind the food at all and would be in favor of keeping Aramark, despite hearing fellow peers in passing complain about how the food 'gets old after a while,'" Tsakadze said. "I appreciate how Aramark is always trying to seek feedback from the student body—whether it be through flyers around the caf, or emails with links to surveys."

Aside from food available in the caf, Kopystynsky said prices from the P.O.D. and Boomers are steep, but the food quality is satisfactory. "The prices are expensive, it's hard to see sometimes because I'm not paying cash out-of-pocket," Kopys-

tynsky said. "I love that [Boomers] added the deep fryer. It made things faster. But the P.O.D. could have more things for students to make dinner with."

Levinson said he noticed a similar trend in price. "If I'm a commuter student and I don't have a lot of Flex, a lot of times I'm going to have to pay with cash and it's egregiously expensive," Levinson said. "When you compare food at the P.O.D. and Boomers to the price of food at Jewel-Osco, it's dramatically different."

Tsakadze said the P.O.D.'s prices are "reasonable." "Boomers is great for hot foods," Tsakadze said. "The P.O.D., on the other hand, could use some diversity. Of course, it would be tough to implement, but yogurts and fruits mixed in with junk food get old after a while."

In embarking on this process, Levinson said he has no issues with Aramark, but simply wanted to evaluate the College's options. "My major purpose is this whole endeavor is not solely to get rid of Aramark," Levinson said. "My purpose in doing this is making sure Aramark is the right food provider for the school."

For questions and comments regarding this evaluation process, please contact Jeremy Levinson at levinsonjb@lakeforest.edu.

Features

Forester Co-Founds Real Estate Investment Business: An Interview with Daniel Harris '17

Lemieux: How did you and your family start GEM Real Estate Investments?

Harris: My brother in law, Travaris Harris, has been a real estate agent for a few years. He was the reason why I became interested in doing real estate. He has done a few wholesale deals and made a substantial amount of money working part-time. However, he has not been able to dedicate the necessary time to real estate due to his position as Dean at Harper College. This position requires him to work approximately 60 hours a week.

Seeing Travaris be successful in real estate sparked my interest to learn more. I started researching on my own and came across a lot of exciting information. I've created a really good network with people just by showing up to events.

So when I told Travaris about my interest in doing real estate, we decided that we could have a successful business together by using his expertise and my availability. We also brought in two of his relatives, Ramon and Toni, to help our business grow. Since November 2016, we have been involved in real estate as a group, which led to the startup of our business in January 2017.

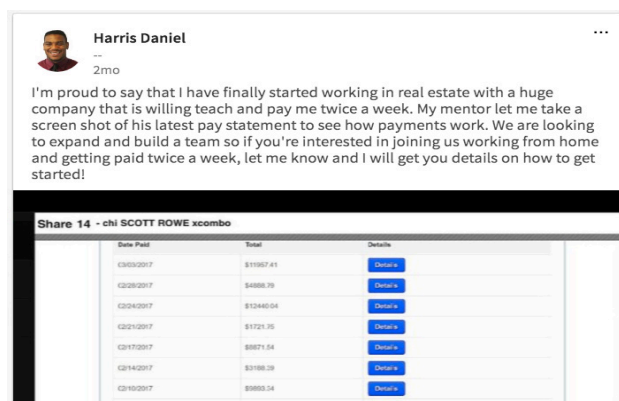
Lemieux: What is your role in the company?

Harris: I am one of the co-founders and acting CFO of GEM Real Estate investments. I will be looking for properties that could be good projects for our business and deciding what properties we will work on. I will also be in charge of managing the budget and finding investors.

Additionally, I am also responsible for project management and making sure we are on track to finish jobs on time and within budget. The classes I am taking with my real estate investment group will help me prepare for these roles and make beneficial decisions.

Lemieux: Why should LFC students get involved in the real estate industry?

Harris: I believe that the real estate industry is a great opportunity for anyone with an entrepreneurial spirit. This is a wonderful industry that is not talked about a lot about in school, and it is a great way to get experience in a variety of areas.



Daniel Harris '17 posted about GEM Real Estate on LinkedIn earlier this semester.

In the real estate industry, you can work for yourself and create a business that you can call your own. I wanted to get involved in the real estate industry because I wanted to be in control of my own success or failure.

Anyone can do real estate, and I believe if you work hard and intelligently, you can be very successful. With the way the current industry is moving, now is a really good time to be an investor and learn how to build wealth through this business.

There are a lot of communities, educational resources, and opportunities in real estate, and I just happened to find the best educational institution in the country for real estate right here in Chicago. I am building a network of people who are where I want to be in a few years. There is a lot of money to be made in real estate, which is why a lot of people with wealth get involved in it. It's one of the best ways to build wealth, but not a lot of students are aware of this.

There's no major or minor at the College to become a real estate investor. Your best bet is to just take business and entrepreneurship classes because that's the closest you'll get to learning how to run a business and deal with properties.

I think Lake Forest College students should expose themselves to things outside of the classroom, and I want to share the opportunities that exist in real estate. I think it's something different from the typical jobs college students get. Personally, I would prefer to try to be successful in the real estate business instead of spending the next 40+ years of my life climbing the corporate ladder.

I think what will be most interesting to college students is the potential in real estate. I want to do something that I can be proud of and pass on when I'm done with it. My dream is to build something that will last beyond me when I retire, and I believe that real estate can do that for me. I also want to be financially secure and control my own time.

Lemieux: How does GEM Real Estate Investments differ from other businesses in the industry?

Harris: GEM Real Estate Investments is a unique business because we are not in this industry purely for the money. That is one aspect, but we really want to build communities and help people in distressed situations out of whatever problems they're having. Whether that's through mortgage acceleration, credit recovery, or relocating, we want to be there for people.

GEM goes the extra mile, and we wanted to be called POPs investments for people over profits, but the name was already taken. We don't charge commissions like real estate agents or brokers, and we don't believe in taking shortcuts or taking advantage of people. We want to work as hard as we can for the maximum benefit of everyone we do business with, from investors to buyers and sellers.

We have invested time into our education to create systems that give us an advantage in locating, evaluating, and completing good deals in the Chicagoland area. With the team we've created and the resources we have, we can [make] deals faster than other businesses in this industry.

I'm really hoping that I can get a real estate investment group going at Lake Forest College and find people who are interested in joining or just in doing real estate, in general. I think it'd be a fun, new experience for people, and they could learn a lot of valuable information. I'm more than happy to talk to anyone interested in learning more. I can be contacted on Facebook or email at harrisdj@mx.lakeforest.edu.

Interview conducted by Camille Lemieu x'17, Editor-in-Chief

I will be working with Dr. Shubhik on yeast models in which we will be shortening a protein called α -Synuclein, a protein involved in Parkinson's disease, and then I will look at what this does to yeast cells.

I chose this project because a) I found the research topic interesting, b) I wanted to help research a disease such as Parkinson's Disease, and c) this will be a good introduction to the field of molecular and biological research. I am most looking forward to this project and the skills I will learn from it.

– Niam Abeysiriwardena '20

I choose Dr. DebBurman's lab because it is an opportunity to not only gain experience in a lab, but it is also a project that can help real people dealing with this disease.

I have already had the opportunity to be taught and advised by Dr. D, so when I choose his lab, I was confident that I would learn a lot about what a lab culture is like and how I can use the skills I develop in the future.

Working in his lab will allow me to not only learn to research, but it will allow me to learn how to talk about and share what we find when researching.

– Alex Biel '20

I'm working on a project with Professor Dlabay concerning refugees. It's about the type of economies they form when they have nothing left.

The topic is pretty open, so we don't know exactly what the final product will be, but it will likely focus on some form of informal banking.

I choose this project because my mother is Syrian and I have family affected by the current situation overseas, so I'm really looking for some way to add to that conversation.

– Sandra Khouri '20

This summer, I will be working with Professor Cody of the Chemistry department to synthesize new materials from ionic liquids.

I chose this project because I want to major in Chemistry, and research is one of the best ways to learn more about the field.

I am looking forward to the creativity aspect of the project, as well as learning different lab techniques. Also, the idea of synthesizing a new compound is extremely exciting.

– Rhyan Shanker '20

I will be working on the Irish in Chicago with Professor Anne Barry. This project is the beginnings of a FIYS class for Professor Barry.

I chose this project because I took an Irish literature class in high school, and I loved the class! I also was intrigued by the scope of the topics that Professor Barry wanted to research.

I am looking forward to going into the city to do the research. I am excited to learn how to research effectively, and I am excited for the symposium at the end.

– Ani Karagianis '20

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I am fascinated with biological processes, particularly the mechanisms underlying disease. When I found out that Dr. DebBurman was studying Parkinson's, a disease that has an impact on so many people around the world, I wanted to learn more about it. Plus, this gave me a chance to explore the workings of an organism that I had never directly worked with. Two great opportunities in the form of one!

I also very much look forward to experiencing Chicago's culture with the other students staying on campus over summer. It will be fun to make new friends while also discovering new facets to the city that I've lived in for two semesters now, without the stress of schoolwork looming overhead!

– Ariane Balaram '20

This summer, I will be working with Professor Kirk and Brett Palmero '20 to study telomeres and how their lengths in *Aspergillus*, a species of filamentous fungus, are implicated in the various behavioral outcomes of the organism.

I chose this project because the lengths of telomeres can provide an insight into the living environment and overall well-being of an organism.

I am most looking forward to learning new lab skills and making connections with students in the program.

– Anna Sandler '20

My Richter project will be called the “Translation Workshop” and I’ll be working with Professor Kripper. My project is based on the importance of translation. I’ll be in charge of translating Professor Kripper's academic articles from Spanish to English for her upcoming book.

In the process, I'll be helping create a possible future senior seminar concerning translation. I chose this project because I love to read (especially in Spanish) and I’m also planning to minor or major in Spanish and psychology.

I’m looking forward to working with Professor Kripper and to helping with the book she is writing. I’m also excited that a potential future senior seminar can develop from this topic.

– Victoria Cisneros '20

I will be working with Professor Kirk in her telomere lab alongside my Richter partner, Anna Sandler '20. We will be mutating the telomere and seeing the consequences of altering it. The telomere is the end of a chromosome that aids in the process of cell replication. Telomeres are involved in cancer, stress, and aging.

I chose this program because I did not know much about the telomere and chromosome. The prospect of being able to study it all summer sounded very intriguing. Also, it was a smaller lab, meaning there would not be as much hustle and bustle during the day. The biggest clincher was that the telomere was involved in cancer research, which has been my passion for a very long time.

– Brett Palmero '20

I will be mainly working with professor James Marquard from the Politics Department and doing a research on the life of American political activist Jane Addams. The research is divided into two parts. The first is comprised of collecting and analyzing primary and secondary literature associated with the three historical junctures in Addams’ peace advocacy. The second part consists of updating the data of the current website on James Addams and filling the design component of it.

As a big fan of the political activism and human rights, Richter seems to be a great opportunity to fulfill my aspirations. I am looking forward to working with professor Marquardt as well as strengthening the friendship with my fellow Richter scholar friends.

– Hakob Parsamyan '20

I will be working on research for professor Chad McCracken on Thomas Hobbes, and looking at secondary sources in preparation for a course he will be teaching in the 2017-2018 school year.

I look forward to learning more about Hobbes and better understanding the philosopher in general since I know little to nothing about him. I also look forward to rooming over the summer, since regularly I commute. It will be fun to room in Moore with one of my close friends, Hajar, and be so close to the beach.

– Nina Codell '20

The Stentor staff would like to congratulate all of the 2017 Richter Scholars, who are listed below. Happy researching!

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Inside Scoop: A Look Underneath the Giant White Tarp

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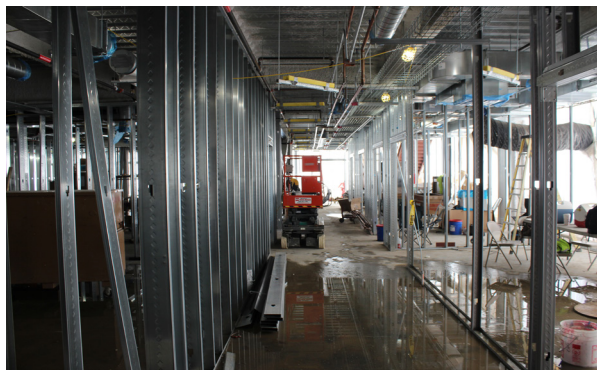
On April 18th, *The Stentor* got an exclusive tour of the Lillard Science Center, which is set to open for the 2018-2019 academic year.

David Siebert, Director of Facilities Management, walked me through the building and future classrooms, outlining the plans for renovation as the building comes together.

“There [are] a lot of projects going on at one time that make the job bigger than it seems,”

says Siebert. Some of these projects include the rooftop garden and the ventilation system that is being installed.

For more pictures of the inside of the Lillard Science Center, **visit stentornews.com.**



Astrology and Religion: One in the Same?

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Secularism across the globe is responsible for the way many people conduct many aspects of their lives. For some, it is hard to imagine a life without such a doctrine to guide their life; however, religion is also at fault for a lot of problems. Some faiths restrict free expression, stifle free thinking and the emergence of new ideas, socialize people not to associate with non-believers, detriment the progress of learning, and inspire violence.

If you don't agree, just remember that Scientology is a recognized religion, and its founder wrote science fiction novels. Or look at Westboro Baptist Church (protected under our Constitution), an organization committed to protesting war veterans' funerals and spewing hate towards the gay community among many others. And let me remind you that people actually believe the Earth is 10,000 years old, and others even think it's flat. All thanks to religion.

If you haven't stopped reading by now, my goal of writing this article is to explain that almost every single major religion is essentially the same. I just hope it will serve as an eye-opening read. You have every right to believe what you want.

To start I will point out that many modern religions/faiths revolve around beliefs of a singular god, a singular prophet to disseminate the message of that god, a virgin birth, twelve followers

of that prophet, themes of dark and light (good and evil), "divine" numbers," and many more. Now, many religions claim to be the one "true" faith, but they're all extremely similar. What many people fail to ignore is the relationship between religion and astrology.

Since the emergence of advanced civilizations like Babylon, Egypt and those throughout South America, the study of the stars has been of utmost focus. I mentioned Babylon because they were the creators of the Zodiac calendar, and the Zodiac calendar served as the basis for many ancient religions.

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There are 12 sections in the calendar that correspond to different constellations that appeared at different intervals throughout the year, and every 12 months marks Earth's complete orbit around the sun. The sun is a metaphor for life, light, and goodness, while the 12 sections of the Zodiac, well, follow the sun.

Moving forward, the number 3, also prevalent in many holy texts also represents an astrological finding in ancient Egypt. According to an article discussing findings from egyptologists from

www.independent.co.uk, Egyptians were the first people believed to discover Orion's Belt, the constellation comprised of 3 stars. This is where ideas like the Holy Trinity, 3 gifts, life, death, and resurrection, etc. all stem from.

Furthermore, the date of December 25 is nothing new either, nor were the Christians right in proclaiming it the day Jesus was born. It may or may not surprise you that there is a whole list of deities born on December 25, with the first being Horus of egyptology. Horus, the god-figure, and Osiris, the prophet-figure born from a virgin birth, both share that same birthday. Others include Krishna of Hinduism, Dionysus, Adonis, Hermes of Greek mythology, and many more. So what's so special about that day?

December 25, or late December in general, has historically represented the time at which the winter solstice occurs. The winter solstice, according to space.com is when the Earth tilts on its axis causing the longest night and the shortest day, also marking the changing of the seasons. So, in the northern hemisphere, where Northern Africa and the Middle East are situated, the metaphor of the "birth of the son (sun)" related to the extended time of darkness being finally diminished with the long awaited sunrise.

Ultimately, this will most likely offend people, but it doesn't hurt to open yourself up to new ideas or facts.

We Need Kindness During These Stressful Times

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It was just the other day that I was posted up at a table next to the CyberCafe in the library, when I saw something that brightened up my day. A girl walked up to the counter and said hello to the barista.

The girl's voice was hoarse, and the barista asked how she was doing. She said "ok" and ordered tea, asking if she should get chamomile or not. In a gesture of kindness, the barista offered her lemon and peppermint-- a combination she clearly thought would make the girl feel better. The girl smiled a genuine smile and said "thank you," paying for her drink.

After the barista handed the drink off to her, the girl paused and they began to chat. The conversation had a maternal nature that I could tell was easing the girl's mind. It was a truly kind moment of mutual respect and manners that I don't witness enough.

I think there is a certain level of

respect that needs to be applied when speaking with others. We sometimes neglect to practice this kindness when we are moving at our brisk finals pace. We get in the zone and forget that human interaction has the power to move us to greater heights.

You will only feel more stressed if you spend too much time in your own head, focusing on what you need to get done or the lack of time you may have. Don't get me wrong - stress is good, and pushing yourself to be your best is great, but take time to remember that you are a just a human amongst humans.

I see a lot of people get very focused in on themselves and their work during this time of year, which is important - college is about working hard. However, it is in college that we continue to imprint the habits we will take with us into our adulthood. Making a habit of positive, polite interaction can benefit your way of life and the world around you.

There are different levels of interaction that one can take that don't involve

long chats, but a simple "hello" and "how are you?" before you order can make you actually feel better (not to mention, it's kind.) Looking up from your phone as you pass an acquaintance to smile and nod, or putting your phone away while you're walking and have a conversation with someone, can make the world seem like a smaller place.

Tell the cafeteria workers "good morning" and "thank you" when they serve you or scan your I.D.; yes, it is their job, but it should be your job to be polite and kind too. If a car lets you pass when you're crossing the street, give it a little wave. Pay a compliment to your friend or tell them how much they mean to you.

Little acts of kindness and politeness go a long way. I believe they can make you feel better, too. When you put kindness into the world, the world will put kindness back into you, and that helps you grow in happiness. So, please, be polite and kind to one another. At the end of the day, we are all just people trying to live our best lives.

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5 MUSIC FESTIVALS TO CHECK OUT THIS SUMMER

Events to check out in the upcoming months

Don't be stuck in your room!

The semester is almost over, and there's no better way to celebrate than jamming out to some awesome music. For those of you who are staying in Illinois (or near it) during the summer, here are some music festivals to check out!



01

SUMMER CAMP
MUSIC FESTIVAL

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When: May 26-28, 2017
Where: Chillicothe, Illinois
Cost: \$225.50 for 3-day pass

Do you love camping and good music? If so, this festival is perfect for you. Artists such as Zeds Dead, Moe., and Waka Flocka will be performing at this fun music festival. Grab some friends, go camping, and enjoy some music!

02

SPRING AWAKENING

When: June 9-11, 2017
Where: Chicago, Illinois
Cost: \$69 for one day, \$199 for 3-day pass

Spring Awakening is perfect for EDM fans. Featuring artists such as Martin Garrix, Diplo, and Galantis, this festival is sure to satisfy your cravings for some awesome electronic music. And while you're in the city, there will be plenty of food spots to check out after.



03

SUMMERFEST

When: June 28- July 9, 2017
Where: Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Cost: \$80 for 11-day pass, \$30 for 3-day pass, \$20 for one day pass

This one might not be in Illinois, but it's totally worth the drive up to Wisconsin. With artists like The Chainsmokers, Alessia Cara, AWOLNATION, Future, Luke Bryan, there's definitely something for everyone. For such a great lineup, it's totally worth the trip and the price.

04

PITCHFORK MUSIC
FESTIVAL

When: July 14-16, 2017
Where: Chicago, Illinois
Cost: \$75 for one day pass, \$175 for 3-day pass

During this Chicago-based music festival, Solange, A Tribe Called Quest, Parliament Funkadelic, and so many more artists will be performing. Pitchfork Music Festival is perfect for anyone who wants to discover some new artists to love, or jam out to your pre-existing faves.



05

VANS WARPED TOUR

When: July 22
Where: Tinley Park, Illinois
Cost: \$42.50

Taking place in the south suburbs of Chicago, Warped Tour is the perfect musical festival for anyone who loves rock music. Our Last Night, Andy Black, Falling in Reverse, and so many more artists will be playing. Come out to see one of your favorites, or to find a new band to love!

Show me the Spring

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Yesterday, the calendar told me:
The meteorological season of spring had arrived.
My heart did a double take.
What a great day I shall make!

Finally we will have blue skies,
a sun to greet in the morning,
warm wind for my kite!

I put on my galoshes:
One, then two.
I went off to ask my very best friends,
What spring was saying to them.

I said to the ravine,
“Show me the spring.”
The ravine did not stir.

Its trees were bare;
Their buds were just breaking;
The river below was not yet snaking.

I said to the field,
“Show me the spring.”
The field remained still.

Its grass was dull;
Some geese milled around;
A flower or two was just poking out.

I said to the birds,
“Show me the spring.”
The birds said nothing intelligible.

They all alighted, twenty or so;
In a flitting of feathers;
The birds had other things on their mind, I suppose.

I saw spring today.
In the hushed ravine;
In the still field.
And the flying birds.

Create Your Own Strawberry Jam



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Thoroughly wash the strawberries and mash them

After washing the strawberries (1 carton), mash them until they are at a size that you enjoy. (I like a jam with bigger strawberry bits so I don't mash them as much)
- Squeeze lime and add sugar, cinnamon, and cardamom**

I like the slight tang that lime adds to the jam, it's not overwhelming at all. I also add around 2-4 decent-sized spoons of sugar to the strawberries (the amount of sugar I add is dependent on the sweetness of the berries), and some cinnamon and cardamom to taste

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Slowly heat the mix

Much of the work is already done, the strawberries will slowly release their water so it isn't necessary to add water during the heating process. There isn't a set time to heat the mix, the time necessary will be dependent on how thick you like your jam. Stir it every so often on a low to medium heat, paying attention to consistency, take it off the heat when it's almost at a consistency you like

Making good jam does not take as much effort as you may think it does, and it only requires a few ingredients. Next time you get the craving for a PB&J, give homemade jam a try. Trust me, you won't go back to store-bought jam again.

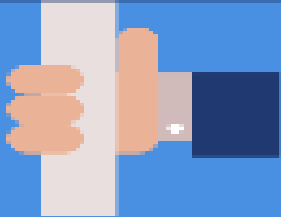
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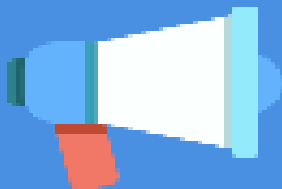
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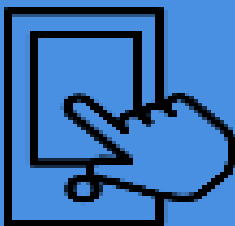
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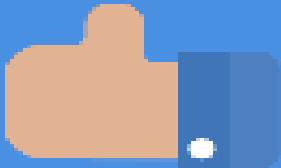


You might join a protest



You might get murdered on a Tinder date

No matter what



You're going to be fine



HOORAY!



Bachelor's Degrees are more valuable than ever! Hope that makes you feel better about not having a job yet!
Life is meaningless anyway.

Congratulations, Seniors! You made it, and you're alive!
You can't ask for more than that.
See you at Homecoming!

Student Boldly Joins Discussion Without Even Glancing at Reading

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Dean Jepsen reporting, bringing you a Chive special interview with the campus's bravest student.

We all know the feeling of being called on during a lecture, in the middle of a kickass daydream, right in that sweet spot between sleep and consciousness.

We all know that surge of adrenaline you get when you're sucked back into reality after spacing out for a solid 15 minutes, thinking about puppies and cotton candy, forced to face your annoyed professor without the faintest idea of what's going on.

We all know those harrowing moments when you have to frantically come up with an incoherent answer to the question you didn't even hear, in order to avoid being kicked out of the classroom like the hooligan you are. We have all been there.

Our hero today lives for these moments, and actively seeks them out.

Dean: "So, what got you into the art of bullshitting?"

Student: "I remember bullshitting my first

answer back in high school. I used the word 'interesting' at least 15 times in one run-on sentence. Since then, I've been hooked to spewing nonsense and not doing my homework."



Dean: "Not many students would have the courage to do what you do, to join in on highly detail-oriented discussions without a single clue as to what you're supposed to be talking about. Aren't you worried people will think you're stupid?"

Student: "You obviously haven't mastered the art of bullshitting. The trick is to talk so much, and to ramble so inconsistently, that no one knows what you're saying. That way, they can't tell if you're smart or dumb. They just want to move

along."

Dean: "So, had you heard about The Chive before I reached out to you?"

Student: "Uh... yeah, totally, I love reading The Chive. All of its articles are really great. They are all written so well. They really make me think a lot. I love to read The Chive when I'm at work, when I'm in class, when I'm at the caf—I read The Chive every day. So many interesting writers and so many interesting articles. My favorite article was the one that was super funny a few weeks ago. That one was super interesting. I read The Chive every day; it's super great."

Dean: "...You're bullshitting me right now. You've never read a single article."

Student: "No, man, I love The Chive! The Chive is a part of the Stentor. The Stentor is the newspaper of the college, and The Chive articles are inside of the Stentor. The Chive is the super funny part of the Stentor. The Stentor is the larger collection of articles, and The Chive is the satire section that only makes up a portion of the Stentor. I love the Stentor."

Dean: "You, sir, are good at your craft. Thanks for teaching me your ways. Now go run along and not do your homework."

Letter From The Editor: Secrets Revealed

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Listen up, y'all. This is gonna be a long one. It's me, your good ol' Chive Editor. This is my last issue, and I have some stuff to get off my chest. I have secrets I've been keeping for YEARS, and y'all are gonna hear 'em.

First: Young Hall has a portal to hell in the basement.

Second: Greek Life is a subset of the Illuminati. That's why people are so eager to join. Beyoncé, Jay-Z, and Katy Perry/JonBenét Ramsey visit every single month, which is why the regulations for chapter attendance are so strict. That's also the reason why Greek Life sacrifices so many goats.

Third: No, I will not tell you where the Young Hall portal is. You have to find it. That's the whole point.

Fourth: The Science Center addition is actually a very large time machine. Do not pay attention to other sections of the Stentor about this. The time machine has been an ongoing project of several professors in the sciences, and, frankly, it's



going to save the world. Their initial goal was to go back and kill Hitler, but now they are focused on returning to November 8, 2016. In terms of tackling maniacal demagogues, you might as well start at home.

Fifth: No! Go find the portal on your own! You can do it!

Now, I need all of you to know that The Chive is a

serious news source. We do our own research, write our own articles, and Photoshop our own photos. We are NOT a part of the Stentor; we're just hanging out here until we can afford a place of our own. You know, like what most of you will do with your parents after graduation. BURN! That's how you get to be Editor, folks; you have to have the sickest burns.

In all seriousness, editing The Chive has been a thrill an honor for the past two years, and I'm really quite sad to be leaving. I have covered some of the most sensational stories of the decade during my time with The Chive, and I'd like to share those experiences with you.

I was the FIRST to break the story that the 1969 Moon Landing was a fake. Humans did not actually land on the moon until 1986.

It was ME who got the scoop of the century: that exercise is a myth propagated by the manufacturers of Spandex. They want you to buy those stretchy pants, shirts, and socks. I couldn't even be upset about this one; I love leggings.

It goes without saying that I have broken quite a few political stories, including the biggest shock of the 2016 election: Bernie Sanders is actually a dirty pile of socks placed next to a microphone.

The socks are recycled, but still. I also discovered that Hillary Clinton is, without a doubt, a cyborg created by benevolent aliens attempting to save us from ourselves. Donald Trump cannot read, but I didn't break that story. Of course, I was also the mastermind behind the Watergate break-in, but we got caught on that one. You can't win 'em all, kids.

We are truly in a new age of media, and I think everybody knows that. They say the written word is dead, but hey, idiot, what are you doing right now? READING THE WRITTEN WORD! That's right! Good job with that. I'm sorry for calling you an idiot. Journalism has never been so important as it is today, which is why I am so proud to have stood at the helm of The Chive for two years. As we near nuclear war, I hope you will think fondly of the Stentor as well as The Chive and the giggles we gave you.

What do you get when Smokin' Cactus and Marshawn Lynch go on a date?..... AIN'T NO TALKIN'



Recreational Marijuana Advocates Say It's Definitely *Not* For Smoking

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This year's 4/20 was lit; the holiday came and blazed on for the next week or so, the smell lingering down dorm hallways and the P.O.D.restocking the chip section every hour. Now, a week later, stoners have united and

are demanding legalization so they can get high in their houses or in parks or at church. But is that the real reason? What if the fight for legalization is just a façade? I dug deeper and found out why stoners truly want recreational marijuana.

I discussed the true agenda for a weed-friendly USA with several people who claim that pipes and b***s ("water pipes", according to stoners, is now the correct term) are made for tobacco use only. They speak like it is some sort of legend, a folktale about a future world where hemp plants replace Christmas trees and hemp fashion lines start to take off. Imagine, cars that run on hemp, ropes made of hemp (for a more comfortable wear around the neck of foolish people who smoke weed instead of making a dish towel out of it, damn them to hell), but no teas or food or anything ingested made from hemp. The stoner community is clear

that it no longer condones smoking weed, but rather it should be used for anything except smoking.

Hemp can also be used in baby products such as diapers, soft clothing, and binkies. Toddlers and young children can also benefit from toys made out of hemp, even their own hemp playground equipment. Money can be made of hemp (it might be already because it's...well, it's green so... yeah, right?), furniture can be made of hemp, but your house can't, because if that burns down it's going to get everyone in a mile radius high as balls, and the stoner community does not want that to happen.

Some people actually NEED marijuana because they are suffering from seizures or diseases that decrease appetite. However the stoner community does not actively publicize these stories, because they don't want to take someone's suffering and use it to promote their

own agenda. The stoner community also wants to promote scientific studies on the long-term effects of marijuana, instead of ignoring scientific conclusions to feel good about their own lifestyle choices. Pot, to the stoner, is something that makes them feel selfless, that they are giving to people in need.

Of course, the stoner community can be a bit hard-hitting (not like in a b*** hitting way, of course, because stoners don't want to smoke, duh), but all they want is a hemp-loving world that uses the product for anything from abstract art pieces to home décor. Stoners believe that marijuana has a bigger purpose than recreational use, which is why any type of marijuana inhalation is looked down upon. Except for dabs; that shit fucks you up.

Handball: An Athlete's Saving Grace

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Lake Forest College's Division I handball team has been ranked one of the best teams in the nation for the past 40 years, but most of the handball team is made up of athletes who were not recruited to play handball.

For the past several decades, most, if not all, of the women's handball team has been incorporated with students who have never slapped a handball prior to attending the College.

This year only four players on the men's team were recruited, and the entire women's team was homegrown. Both the women's and the men's handball teams include athletes recruited for their fall or spring sports, but for some of them, this sport was their blessing in disguise.

Madison Drake '20 has been a competitive swimmer since she was 5-years-old and was recruited to swim for the College. After she felt her body was failing to recover from the rigorous conditions of swimming, she quit the sport for something new: handball.

"As an athlete, I'm not used to playing land sports, so this was one of the first land sports I played at a higher level," Drake said. "It changed me in regards to the type

of athlete I am, while also the workouts and skills I have that are necessary in the water versus the court."

For some athletes who changed sports, handball was not their backup plan; it was their only plan. Kyra Vidas '18 played four years on her varsity high school basketball team at Taft High School and her father was a long-time professional basketball player in Europe. She was cut from the College's basketball team her freshman year and was lucky enough to meet a few handball players that convinced her to try out for the team.

"I knew what handball was because a few of my cousins were great players here years ago, but I never thought I would be where I am today," Vidas said. "So many things went through my mind: If I wanted to transfer, where would I go? Would I ever play a sport again?"

Vidas went from being one of the lower-level players two years ago to becoming an All-American this year at The National Intercollegiate Handball Championship in Tempe, Arizona. She also was awarded Most Valuable Player and is the recipient of the Forester Commitment Award.

"As an athlete, I picked up a new sport for the first time three years ago," Vidas said. "I have put more work into this game to be where I am today. I definitely grew as an athlete

by putting in extra time before and after practice to be the best I can be."

Carter Kounovsky '20 also came to the College to play basketball. Resembling Vidas, Kounovsky's dreams of playing competitive collegiate ball came to an end when he was cut from the team. Kounovsky came close to leaving the College and going back to school in Colorado, but handball became his reason to stay. "After handball, I became more dedicated and expected more out of myself both as an athlete and as a person," he said. Kounovsky was awarded Most Improved Player for the College his freshman and sophomore year, while becoming the nation's Most Improved Player at last year's collegiate tournament.

Handball has changed the lives of many athletes throughout the years at Lake Forest College. "Without handball, I would never have met one of the most influential coaches I've ever had," Kounovsky said of Coach Mike Dau '58, who started the program in 1968. "Handball made me appreciate more in life more after losing Paula," said Vidas.



Paula Dau '58 was the beloved wife of Coach Dau who passed away this past winter. She served as the mother of the handball team and inspired every athlete who came through the program.

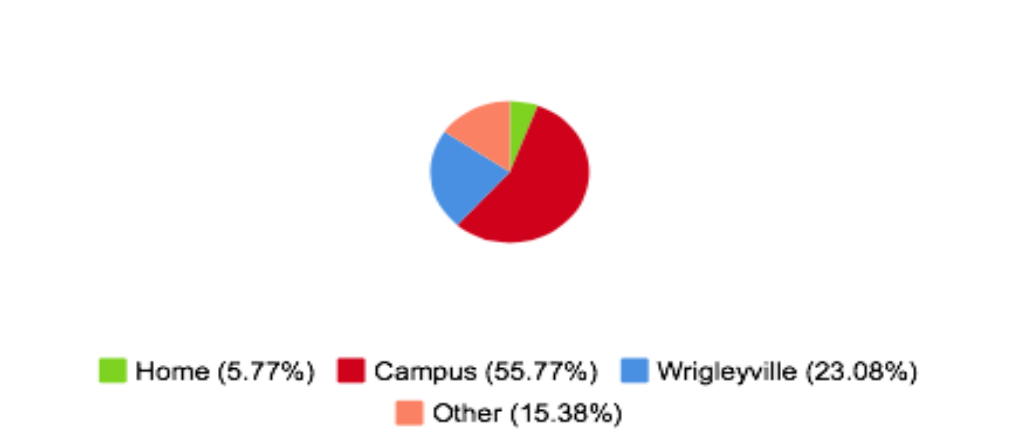
Handball became a saving grace to those who thought they would never be athletes again.

"Although my dream of playing college basketball came to an end early, I have come to realize that it was a blessing," said Vidas. "If it weren't for getting cut, I would never have met the Dau family and the people from all over the country (and) world who will remain lifelong friends. I am so blessed to be a part of this program and I wouldn't change it for the world."

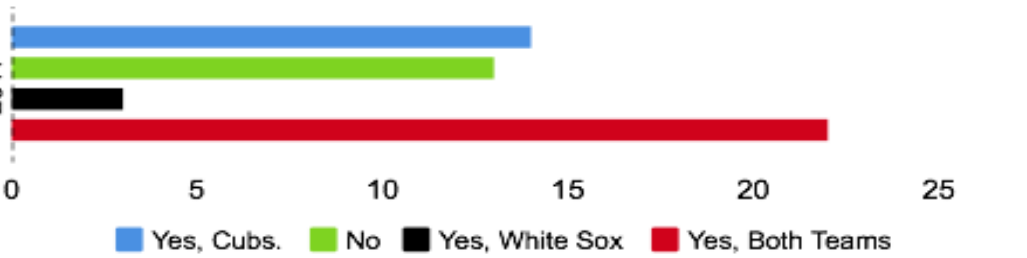
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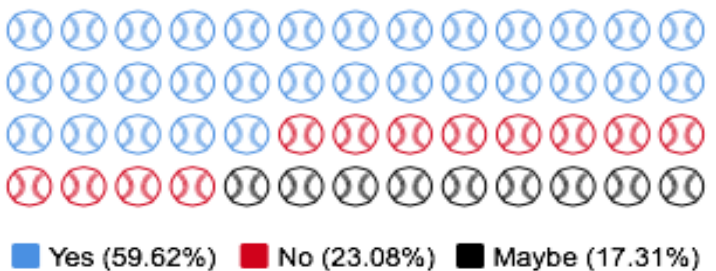
Where were you when the Cubs won the 2016 World Series?



Have You Ever Been to a Chicago Baseball Game Before?



Can You Name 3 Players On the Chicago Cubs?



Can You Name 3 Players On the Chicago White Sox?

